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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an [X] original patent application or, [ ] a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) Radia J. Perlman, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING SPANNING TREE LOOPS DURING TRAFFIC OVERLOAD CONDITIONS.

No. of pages in Application: 16; No. of Claims: 21.

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- [ ] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 in
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- [ ] a certified copy of the priority document;
- [ ] an Associate Power of Attorney;
- [ ]        verified statement(s) claiming small entity status;
- [x ] a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors(s);
- [ ] a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors will follow;
- [x ] an Assignment document and form PTO-1595;
- [x ] Request And Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(B)(2)(B)(I); and
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<b>REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b>	First Name of Inventor	Radia J. Perlman
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